

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE PETITION TO AMEND THE NEVADA CONSTITUTION – IDENTIFIER: C-04-2025**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT – CANNOT BE DETERMINED**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Statewide Constitutional Initiative Petition – Identifier: C-04-2025 (Initiative) proposes to amend Article 19, Section 6, of the *Nevada Constitution* to add language specifying that the limitation on initiatives making an appropriation or requiring an expenditure of money does not apply to any initiative petition that would amend the *Constitution*. If any potential appropriation or expenditure of money may result from such a petition, the description of effect for the initiative shall include the language “This initiative petition may require an appropriation or otherwise require the expenditure of money.”

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE**

Pursuant to Article 19, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution*, an initiative proposing to amend the *Nevada Constitution* must be approved by the voters at two successive general elections in order to become a part of the *Constitution*. If this Initiative is approved by voters at the November 2026 and November 2028 General Elections, the provisions of the Initiative would become effective on the fourth Tuesday of November 2028 (November 28, 2028), when the votes are canvassed by the Supreme Court pursuant to NRS 293.395.

Under current law, any constitutional initiative petition which makes an appropriation or otherwise requires the expenditure of money must also impose a sufficient tax or otherwise constitutionally provide for raising the necessary revenue. By removing this requirement, it is possible that more initiative petitions may be filed and appear on ballots than under current law, which may increase staffing costs to local governments for processing submitted signatures. Additionally, if more initiative petitions qualify for the ballot, the cost to print ballots may increase, with the increased costs dependent on the additional pages that are required for each ballot. However, because it is unknown how many constitutional initiative petitions may be filed if this Initiative were to pass, the financial impact on local governments cannot be determined with any reasonable degree of certainty.

A potential increase in the number of constitutional initiative petitions could result in an increase in the workload of the Office of the Secretary of State in processing initiatives, as well as for the Legislative Counsel Bureau in preparing fiscal notes for each initiative. However, it is anticipated that both agencies will be able to absorb the additional workload with current resources; thus, there is not anticipated to be any financial impact upon the State.

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